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**For:** A NOVEL GROWTH FACTOR AND A  
GENETIC SEQUENCE ENCODING SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-  
identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 5, please insert the following:

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--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present application is a continuation of  
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IN THE CLAIMS:

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